

# MINUTES OF THE MISSOURI MINING COMMISSION MEETING LACHARRETTE CONFERENCE ROOM LEWIS AND CLARK STATE OFFICE BUILDING 1101 RIVERSIDE DRIVE JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI MAY 28, 2015

Chairman Gregory Haddock called the meeting to order on May 28, 2015, at 9:03 a.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, Lewis and Clark State Office Building, LaCharrette Conference Room, located at 1101 Riverside Drive, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

**Commissioners Present:** Dr. Gregory Haddock, Chairman; Mike Larsen, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Leslie Gertsch; Commissioner John Madras.

**Staff Present:** Kevin Mohammadi, Staff Director; Sharon Thompson, Secretary to the Commission; Bill Zeaman; Larry Slechta; Greg Snellen; Daniel Wedemeyer; Lesley Branch; Brock Wilson; Cole Hough; Ashley Harrison; Guy Frazier; Mike Mueller; Tucker Fredrickson; Vic Rackers: Beth Aubuchon.

**Others Present:** Laura Elsbury, Attorney General's Office, Counsel to the Commission; Danny Lyskowski, General Counsel's Office, Department of Natural Resources; Maddie Johnston, Legal Intern, General Counsel's Office, Department of Natural Resources; Steve Rudloff, MLPA; Chris Thiltgen, Capital Quarries; Jerry Prewett, Deputy Division Director, Missouri Geological Survey, Brian Beinskatter, MIC.

# **Approval of March 26, 2015 Commission Meeting Minutes**

## Agenda Item #2

Commissioner Madres made a motion to approve the March 26, 2015, Meeting Minutes with Vice Chairman Larsen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gertsch, at 9:05 A.M. to go into closed session in accordance with section 610.021 (1) RSMo, for the purpose of actions of litigation, legal actions and attorney-client privileged communications. Vice Chairman Larsen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission met in closed session and returned to open session at 10:11 A.M.

# **Industrial Mineral Permit Fee**

#### Agenda Item #3

Kevin Mohammadi, Staff Director of the Land Reclamation Program, gave a slide show presentation to the Commission. The presentation contained information pertaining to the current fee structure, which included the Activities Report for the calendar year 2015, a list of the program activities supported by the Industrial Minerals fees, the current financial situation, projected shortfall and a tentative timeline for Rulemaking. Director Mohammadi then gave a brief summary on the four Stakeholder meetings that had been held in May. There were several questions and answers regarding the number of people in attendance at the Stakeholder meetings. This requires no action by the Commission at this time. This was provided for the Commission's information. The Commission thanked him for his report.

# White Rock Quarries – Formal Complaint #2735

#### Agenda Item #4

Bill Zeaman, Non-Coal Unit, presented this matter to the Commission. At the March 26, 2015 meeting of the Commission, White Rock Quarries was issued a Formal Complaint for failure to submit a permit renewal application where reclamation is yet to be completed associated with Notice of Violation. Certified mail was returned to the program. The operator was unresponsive in either submitting a renewal application or requesting a hearing with the Land Reclamation Program Director. Because of the unresponsive nature of the operator, staff recommends that the Missouri Mining Commission revoke the certificate to operate a surface mine to White Rock Quarries and refer this action to the Attorney General's Office for collection of the bond to be deposited in the Mined Land Reclamation Fund. Chairman Haddock asked if anybody in the audience would like to come forward. No representation was made by White Rock Quarry.

Commissioner Larsen made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to revoke the certificate to operate a surface mine to White Rock Quarries. Commissioner Gertsch seconded the Motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

# <u>Summary of Industrial Mineral Bond Release Requests Approved by the Program Director</u> Agenda Item #5

Larry Slechta, Non-Coal Unit, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. There was no action required by the Commission. This summary was provided for the Commission's information. The Commission thanked him for his report.

### **Abandoned Mined Lands Status Update**

#### Agenda Item #6

Greg Snellen, Abandoned Mine Land Unit, reported on this agenda item. Mr. Snellen gave a brief overview of the projects the Abandoned Mine Land Unit is working on. There was no action required by the Commission. The Commission thanked him for his report.

#### **Kingdom Coal Reclamation Project**

#### Agenda Item #7

Daniel Wedemeyer, Abandoned Mine Land Unit, presented this update to the Commission. This summary was provided for the Commission's information. The Commission thanked him for his report.

#### **OTHER**

#### **Comments from the Public**

# Agenda Item # 8

Steve Rudloff, Missouri Limestone Producers, wanted to thank the Program on how and where they presented the Stakeholder Meetings. The Commission thanked him for his comments.

# ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Larsen to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gertsch seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chairman

